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TO: Current and Medicare Advantage Organizations, Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans and 1876 Cost Plans

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SUBJECT: Modified Annual Notice of Change

Today we are releasing the 2007 modified Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) for Medicare Advantage Organizations (MA), MA–Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Cost plans. Organizations that must send beneficiaries a modified ANOC are those that, for 2007, are reducing the service area of a CY 2006 plan but offering another plan within the service area.

The modified ANOC provides specific information regarding the non-renewal of a MA Organization's plan offered in a service area. The modified ANOC provides specific information about enrolling in another plan that is offered by the MA organization, enrolling in another MA Organization, Medigap Original Medicare, the Medicare Part D benefit and important information for beneficiaries receiving extra help from Medicare to pay for prescription drugs.

The use of CMS model language is optional. However, organizations are strongly encouraged to use model documents in order to receive a 10-day review. Organizations that do not use the model language must include all the required elements as outlined in the Medicare Marketing guidelines.